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Smallpox.

Week ended September 12:

Cases: Siderno (Reggio Calabria), 5.

Week ended September 19:

Cases: Mammolo (Reggio Calabria), 30; Pietra Galla (Potenza), 2; Serradifalco (Caltanissetta), 1.

JAPAN.

Report from Yokohama—Cholera—Quarantine against Moji and Kobé on account of cholera—Cholera on vessels and in the surrounding country—Inspection of vessels.

The following information is received from the Department of State under date of October 1:

A cablegram from the consul-general at Yokohama, Japan, states as follows:

“Cholera.”

Passed Asistant Surgeon Cumming reports, September 10:

Week ended September 7 bills of health were issued to 3 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 777 passengers and 472 crew. All steerage passengers embarking here were, as usual, bathed and their effects disinfected.

No further cases of cholera have been reported in this city since the case already reported as removed from a vessel.

This city has instituted maritime quarantine against Moji and Kobé on account of cholera. The steamship *Empress*, instead of being held as other vessels to complete five days from Shanghai upon arrival at Nagasaki, was allowed to take aboard a quarantine physician and spend her observation en route here.

To September 9 there have been 408 cases of cholera reported at Moji; 21 new cases during the past two days.

Cholera cases have been reported so far this month as follows: Oita ken, 4; Hiroshima ken, 2; Fukuoka ken (in which is Moji), 491; Hyogo ken (in which is Kobé), 2; Yamaguchi ken (just across Shimonoseki Strait from Moji), 122. A telegram from Okugori, Okayama ken (away down in the islands south of Kiushiu), says cholera has broken out in a severe form there and is spreading, 27 cases having occurred.

Cholera is attacking Europeans and Americans in the foreign concessions at Shanghai. Two officers in the American consulate have been attacked and the manager of the Chartered Bank in Hankow has died from infection on a vessel leaving Shanghai. I can recall no epidemic in which so many vessels and places have been so quickly infected by one place as during the present outbreak in Shanghai.

During the month of August there were examined 908 would-be steerage passengers for the United States or their possessions, of whom 657 were passed and 562 finally certified, in addition to which 284 steerage for Victoria were bathed; a total of 852 bathed and 1,545 pieces of baggage disinfected.